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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN VISA PROBLEMS

1. BAD WEATHER OR TECHNICAL REASONS OCCASIONALLY FORCE SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS THRICE-WEEKLY JOHANNESBURG-MASERU-JOHANNESBURG FLIGHT TO LAND IN BLOEMFONTEIN WHICH 90 MILES AWAY INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA. PASSENGERS LEAVING MASERU THEN DRIVEN BY BUS TO BLOEMFONTEIN TO CATCH FLIGHT WHICH HELD FOR THEM.

2. THIS IS USUALLY NO GREAT INCONVENIENCE FOR MOST TRAVELERS BUT FOR THOSE IN CATEGORY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT -- PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, AID PERSONNEL, AND UN EMPLOYEES -- POTENTIAL FOR INCONVENIENCE GREAT. PERSONS IN THIS CATEGORY ARE NOT ISSUED VISAS OR EVEN MULTIPLE-ENTRY LAISSEZ-PASSERS BY SAG BUT MUST MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EACH ENTRY. SUCH PERSONS TRAVELING FROM MASERU TO CONNECT WITH ONWARD FLIGHTS

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FROM JOHANNESBURG OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL NORMALLY NOT

HAVE MADE THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND THEY ARE COMPLETELY OUT IN THE COLD WHEN FLIGHTS ARE SHIFTED TO BLOEMFONTEIN IF SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THEIR ENTRY INTO SOUTH AFRICA.

3. ANTICIPATING DIFFICULTIES THAT MIGHT ARISE, PEACE CORPS LESOTHO VERY RECENTLY SOUGHT AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS' REPRESENTATIVE IN MASERU THAT SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER AUTHORITIES WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE WITHOUT VISAS TO ENTER SOUTH AFRICA TO CATCH FLIGHTS RE-ROUTED TO BLOEMFONTEIN SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND TRAVELERS' CONTROL.

4. ANY BENEFICIAL UNDERSTANDING ON PART SAG AUTHORITIES COLLAPSED, HOWEVER, ON AUG 28 WHEN THREE U.S. CITIZENS -- ONE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER AND TWO DEPENDENTS OF AMERICAN UNDP OFFICIAL -- DENIED ENTRY INTO SOUTH AFRICA WHILE TRAVELING TO BLOEMFONTEIN TO CATCH SAA FLIGHT FROM JOHANNESBURG WHICH UNABLE TO LAND IN MASERU. INCONVENIENCE TO THESE THREE GREAT AS THEY HAD TO REMAKE TRAVEL PLANS COMPLETELY. THIS IS INCONVENIENCE TO U.S. CITIZENS THAT COULD BE AVOIDED IF SOUTH AFRICA MEETING ITS VISA RECIPROCITY OBLIGATIONS.
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